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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re the Application of: **Akio ITOH**

Art Unit: 2815

Serial No.: **09/594,091**

Examiner: **Matthew E. Warren**

Filed: **June 15, 2000**

Confirmation No. **8583**

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE HAVING PLANARIZED UPPER  
SURFACE AND A SION MOISTURE BARRIER**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

March 10, 2004

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: